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1. [REDACTED] Talked with Glenn Smith and made arrangements for [REDACTED] to brief him tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 P. M. on the Chinese nuclear program in order that Colonel Smith will be in position to appropriately inform Senator Stennis, Chairman, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee.

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2. [REDACTED] Talked with Mr. Blandford in connection with the request from the House Select Committee on Government Research for completion of a questionnaire on methods and systems for providing security clearances. Blandford confirmed that it is anticipated this Committee will not be reconstituted in the 89th Congress. It is a fact that the Chairman, Carl Elliott, is defeated in the primary and will not be returning to Congress. Blandford foresaw the classification difficulties in attempting to respond and suggested we respond with a polite "no."

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3. [REDACTED] Talked with Boyd Crawford, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee, in connection with the alleged briefing by Secretary Rusk of members of House Foreign Affairs on the Chinese nuclear explosion. Crawford confirmed there was such a briefing on Tuesday with Hays, Gallagher, McDowell and Fraser being present. From the staff were Crawford and Pat Holt, Acting Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Crawford indicated that the Secretary of State gave 25X1 very detailed briefing and repeatedly cautioned the members on the sensitivity and the reasons for classification.

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[REDACTED] Crawford also added that there is tentatively scheduled an additional briefing today at 5:00 P. M. to include Congressmen Barry, Frelinghuysen, and Brownfield. Also it is planned that the Department will send someone to brief Congressman Adair in his home district. (All of this was passed to Mr. Elder for the Director.)

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4. [redacted] Talked with Glen Smith of Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee who had called [redacted] yesterday indicating that possibly Senator Stennis would be in town and would want a briefing. Smith indicated that as of now the Senator was not planning to be in Washington since he did not come up for the leadership briefing. However, he was sure the Senator would be calling him in the near future for Smith to go to Mississippi to brief Stennis. Smith, therefore, requested that he be given some sort of a briefing hopefully by the end of the week. I indicated I would check on this and advise. Smith suggested that if any sort of staff briefing were provided the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy possibly the two could be combined.

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5. [redacted] Attempted to reach Mr. Darden of Senate Armed Services Committee to see if any CIA Subcommittee members were in town. Darden is out of the country traveling with Senator Russell and, in addition, I was advised that none of the other members were in town with the exception of Senator Saltonstall who was present at the leadership briefing yesterday.

Also talked with Mr. Blandford to determine if any CIA Subcommittee members were in town with the view that they might wish a briefing on the ChiCom nuclear situation. Blandford advised that none of the members were in town with the exception of Congressman Bob Wilson and suggested I talk with him directly. This I will try to do.

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6. [redacted] Talked with Paul Cotter on the staff of Senate Appropriations who was inquiring for the name and how a letter should be addressed to the Chief of our Medical Staff. This information was furnished him.

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